

Birdseye back for Cup tie?

WYCOMBE Wanderers hope to have right back Paul Birdseye in tonight's (Tuesday's) team that meets Kingstonian in the third round of the Rothmans Isthmian League Cup at Loakes Park. Paul missed Saturday's 3-0 win at Woking with a groin strain but hopes to be fit.

Another player struggling with an injury is goalkeeper John Maskell, who played a major role in Saturday's success. 'Mask' has a painful back which could mean Peter Spittle taking over.

Steve Hill, Wycombe's new signing from Woking who has scored three goals in two games, is out of the running as he is cup tied. Dylan Evans or Tony Horseman will take over in the front line.

Wanderers have already recorded a league double over Kingstonian this season with a 3-1 away win and 2-0 home win both in September. Since then, however, several players have come and gone at Richmond Road.

Gone are Phil Dade (to Carshalton), Trevor Waughman (to Hampton), the Field brothers and Mick Cook. In their places manager Roy Sleaf has signed Alan Horley, a defender from Wimbledon, Mick Sorenson

from Wycombe and Tom Mahon, while Danny Vincent has worked his way up from the club's junior team.

BEST RESULT

At one stage this season K's looked certain to go down into Division Two but a recent run of good results has lifted them to five places from the bottom. Best result came on Saturday when they travelled to fifth placed Tilbury and came away with a 3-1 triumph. Vincent, Barry Steer and Tony White scored the goals.

K's beat Hayes 2-0 at home in the second round of the Cup after receiving a bye in round one. Wanderers got through with a 1-0 home win over Leatherhead back in November.

With Dagenham involved in county cup football on Saturday, Enfield joined them at the top of the league with a 4-0 win over Southall — but the Daggers have a game in hand. Wanderers move to third place.

At the foot of the table Ilford look like making a bid to avoid

the drop into Division Two. They beat Walthamstow 3-2 on Saturday.

Wycombe Wanderers travel to Bishop's Stortford on Saturday in the league. Their original opponents were Slough Town but the Rebels are involved in the F.A. Trophy.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and inc. 12/3/77)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dagenham	32	19	6	7	57	29	63
Enfield	33	18	9	6	49	31	63
Wycombe	31	17	7	7	48	25	58
Leatherhead	33	17	5	11	56	35	56
Tilbury	33	15	9	9	45	37	54
Hendon	31	15	5	11	49	39	50
Walthamstow	29	14	3	12	46	39	45
Leytonstone	32	12	10	10	47	44	44
Barking	33	13	5	15	46	48	44
Hitchin	26	13	4	9	34	37	43
Tooting	29	12	6	11	55	51	42
Slough	26	12	5	9	35	31	41
Croydon	28	11	6	11	29	30	39
Sutton	31	11	6	14	35	42	39
Southall	32	11	6	15	43	56	39
Staines	23	11	5	7	26	18	38
Bishops S	31	10	7	14	39	42	37
Kingstonian	33	10	5	18	36	50	35
Woking	33	8	7	18	39	56	31
Hayes	30	8	5	17	34	54	29
Ilford	30	7	5	18	22	53	26
Dulwich	29	4	6	19	29	51	18